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## KORETZ RESPONDS TO SUPREME COURT ORDER REGARDING SAN FRANCISCO GAY MARRIAGES

(West Hollywood, CA) California Assemblyman Paul Koretz (D-West Hollywood) today commented on the California Supreme Court's order directing San Francisco officials to stop issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples until pending cases are decided.

"Reinstating discrimination is a disservice to loving couples who have literally waited a lifetime to marry the person of their choosing. I believe the California Supreme Court should have allowed San Francisco to continue issuing marriage licenses to these deserving couples," said Assemblyman Koretz.

The court issued an "order to show cause" demanding San Francisco officials demonstrate how their actions allowing same-sex marriages do not exceed the authority granted them by the State. The seven-justice court did not invalidate the nearly 4,000 same-gender marriages already performed, and left open the possibility of a separate action in superior court challenging the constitutionality of existing laws defining marriage as only between a man and a woman.

"The good news is the court did not cancel anyone's marriage and they will allow marriage equality advocates to proceed in superior court with a constitutional challenge. Giving both sides time to clearly document the validity of their arguments through lower court testimony and rulings is an important part of our judicial process and the Court is wise not to skip it," said Koretz.

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